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CAPETOWN FOR EMBASSY

E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: FOLLOW UP ON NAMIBIA TALKS

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SUMMARY: REPRESENTATIVES OF CONTACT GROUP MET WITH SWAP VICE
PRESIDENT MUYONGO MAY 6. HE DECLINED TO GIVE DETAILED REACTION
TO TALKING POINTS, STATING HE WOULD BE PREPARED TO DO SO
WHEN HE HAD SOMETHING IN WRITING. HE QUESTIONED SAG'S GOOD
FAITH IN WITHDRAWING TROOPS, WAS INTERESTED IN ELECTION
ARRANGEMENTS, ESPECIALLY EXTENT OF UN PARTICIPATION, AND ASKED
IF TURNHALLE REPS WOULD BE BRIEFED. ONE LOCAL REP OF CONTACT
GROUP IS WITHOUT SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS AND ASKS THAT BRIEFING
OF GRZ BE DELAYED UNTIL HE HAS INSTRUCTIONS IN HAND. END
SUMMARY.

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1. REPRESENTATIVES OF FIVE NATION CONTACT GROUP MET AND
BRIEFED SWAPO VICE PRESIDENT MASHEKE MUYONGO AFTERNOON MAY 6
ON BASIS REFTTEL B. MUYONGO LISTENED WITH INTEREST AND IMMED-
IATELY ASKED IF HE COULD HAVE A WRITTEN TEST OF POINTS MADE
SO HE AND HIS COLLEAGUES COULD COMMENT IN DETAIL. WHEN
INFORMED THAT WE HAD NO INSTRUCTIONS PERMITTING US TO GIVE
HIM A TEXT, HE SAID HE WISHED TO ASK SOME QUESTIONS AND MAKE

SOME LIMITED OBSERVATIONS. WOULD TURNHALLE DELEGATES BE BRIEFED? WE RESPONDED THAT, ON THE BASIS OF OUR INSTRUCTIONS, IT APPEARED THEY WOULD. WHAT WERE THE PLANS FOR THE WITHDRAWAL OF SOUTH AFRICAN MILITARY FORCES? WE POINTED OUT THAT SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT IN CONSULTATION WITH THOSE INVOLVED WOULD DEVELOP A PLAN FOR ITS WITHDRAWAL IN STAGES FROM NAMIBIA. MUYONGO EXPRESSED EXTREME SKEPTICISM THAT ANYTHING WORKED OUT BY SAG WOULD EVER BE CARRIED OUT. HE ASKED ABOUT THE EXTENT OF UN SUPERVISION AND CONTROL OF ELECTIONS. HE DID NOT APPEAR IMPRESSED BY THE POINT THAT WE WERE AIMING AT AN INTERNATIONALLY ACCEPTABLE SOLUTION CONSISTENT WITH RESOLUTION 385 AND REACTED NEGATIVELY TO THE WORDING "DIRECT UN INVOLVEMENT IN THE ELECTORAL PROCESS." MASHEKE COMMENTED THAT SAG COULD BE EXPECTED TO TWIST TO ITS FAVOR ANYTHING IT HAD A HAND IN. HE ALSO ASKED IF THERE WAS A TIME FRAME IN WHICH ELECTIONS IN NAMIBIA WOULD BE HELD. IN CONCLUSION MASHEKE SAID SWAPO WAS READY TO ACCEPT A PEACEFUL SOLUTION THAT GUARANTEED REAL INDEPENDENCE AND NOT A SHAM. HE EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR THE EFFORTS BEING MADE BY THE CONTACT GROUP AND ASKED ONCE AGAIN FOR SOMETHING IN WRITING. ONCE HE HAD THIS IN HAND, SWAPO WOULD BE PREPARED TO RESPOND IN DETAIL TO THE POINTS MADE.

2. MUYONGO SAID THAT HE DID NOT BELIEVE NUJOMA WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR A BRIEFING ON MAY 9. IN FACT IT MIGHT NOT BE POSSIBLE TO CONTACT HIM UNTIL MAY 16 WHEN HE WOULD BE IN MAPUTO.

3. AFTER THE MEETING FIVE REPRESENTATIVES AGREED THEY WOULD CONFIDENTIAL

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ASK THEIR GOVERNMENT WHETHER IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO GIVE SWAPO AND GRZ A WRITTEN TEXT OF TALKING POINTS. PLEASE ADVISE.

4. RE BRIEFING OF GRZ, FRENCH AMBASSADOR SAID HE HAD ACTED WITHOUT INSTRUCTIONS IN AGREEING TO PARTICIPATE IN BRIEFING OF SWAPO ON MAY 6; HE THOUGHT SWAPO BRIEFING WOULD COME LATER. FURTHER, HE HAD NO INSTRUCTIONS PERMITTING HIM TO PARTICIPATE IN A JOINT EFFORT DIRECTED TOWARDS GRZ ON MAY 9. HE AGREED THAT HE WOULD ASK FOR APPROPRIATE INSTRUCTIONS. FRENCH AMBASSADOR WAS INSISTENT THAT HE SHOULD PARTICIPATE IN ANY BRIEFING OF GRZ BY REPRESENTATIVES OF CONTACT GROUP. PLEASE ADVISE IF EMBASSY SHOULD DELAY CARRYING OUT INSTRUCTIONS (REFTEL A) WHILE FRENCH AWAIT INSTRUCTIONS. CLINGERMAN

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